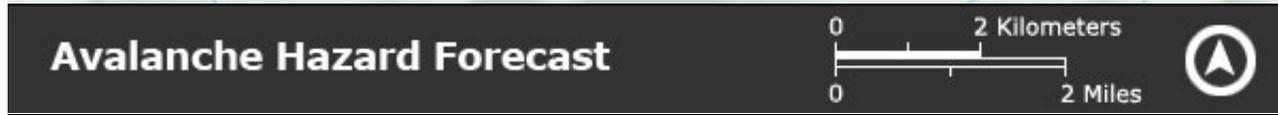
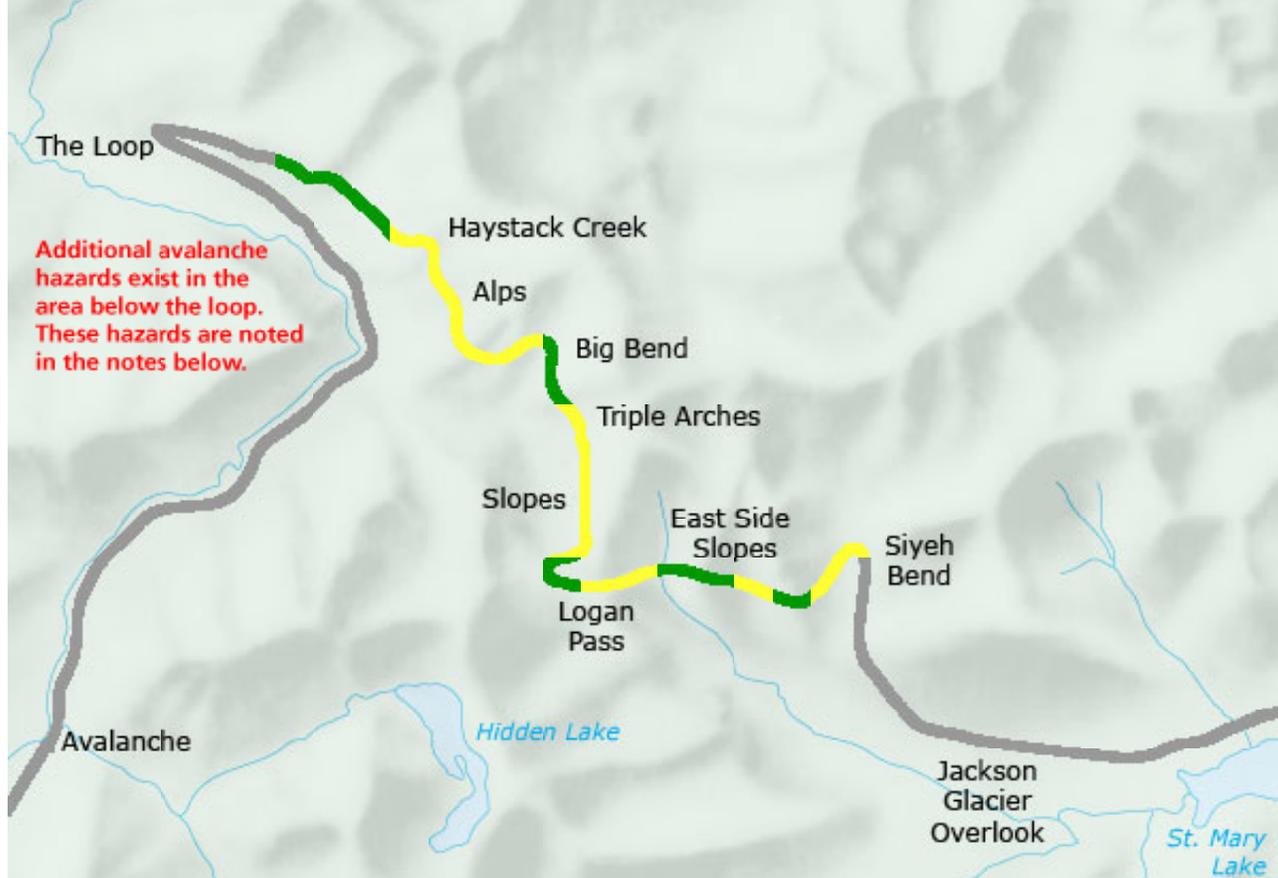


# GTSR Avalanche Hazard Forecast

As of 4-19-2016 at 5:39AM (this forecast expires on 4-20-2016 at 5:39AM)

This information is intended for Park employees and contractors working on the Going-to-the-Sun Road



Avalanche Rating	Avalanche Probability	Travel Danger	Work Danger
<b>Low</b>	Mostly stable snow. Natural avalanches are unlikely to affect the Going-to-the-Sun Road.	Generally safe	Work generally safe. Normal operations
<b>Moderate</b>	Areas of unstable snow. Natural avalanches possible and small avalanches may affect the Going-to-the-Sun Road.	Generally safe with spotter	Normal operations with caution. Use of spotter may be necessary.
<b>High</b>	Mostly unstable snow. Natural avalanches likely to affect the Going-to-the-Sun Road. A moderate to large amount of snow on the road is possible.	Travel not recommended. Emergency traffic only if warranted.	<b>Work not safe.</b>
<b>Extreme</b>	Widespread unstable snow. Natural avalanches certain. A large amount of snow on the Going-to-the-Sun Road is likely.	<b>Avoid Travel on Road</b>	<b>Work not safe.</b>
<b>Not Rated</b>	Information not available or no rating was obtained.		

## Avalanche Forecast

### Mountain Weather

Both the Garden Wall and Logan Pass weather stations are still down this morning. However the station at Sperry Glacier at 8000 feet reports 42°F and it is 29° F down here in West Glacier. Currently skies are clear with a temperatures inversion. A strong ridge will continue to bring very warm temperatures, sunny skies, and non-

freezing nights at upper elevations. This ridge appears to break down slightly on Friday. Expect temperatures to reach into the 60s F at upper elevations along the Garden Wall today.

## Snowpack

Primary Concern: Wet Loose Avalanches

Wet loose avalanches are still a concern as the snowpack continues its transition from a winter snowpack at upper elevations to a more summerlike snowpack. Recent wet loose avalanches involving new snow from last Thursday night into Friday resulted in debris on the road in Russ' Slide and into Bird Woman paths. Though air temperatures never reached freezing at upper elevations there is likely a surficial refreeze. However, the frozen snow surface will break down quickly with abundant sunshine and very warm temperatures today. As the day progresses watch for early signs of wet loose instability including rollerballs and pinwheels on the slopes. The transition from stable surface snow to unstable surface snow will occur quickly today, and will begin on east aspects and follow the south half of the compass as the day progresses.

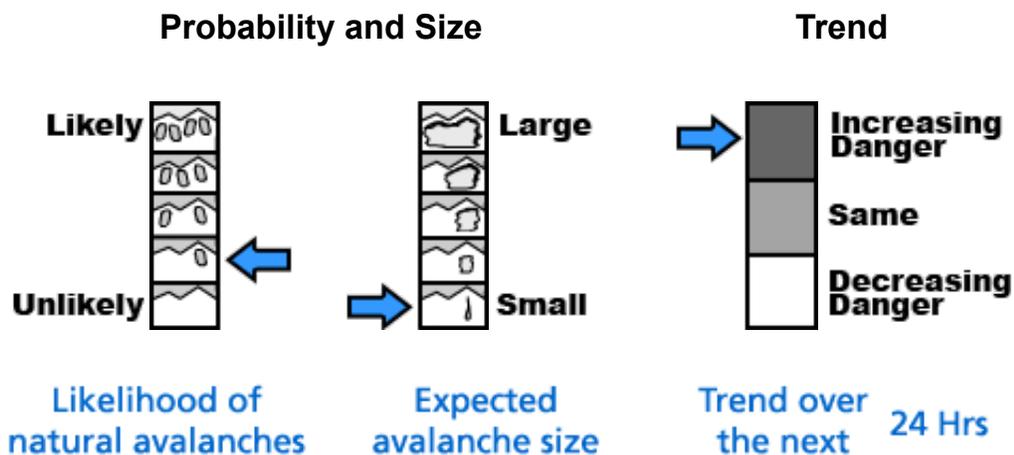
Secondary Concern: Glide Avalanches

Glide cracks continue to open on many slopes above the GTSR including Haystack (Mt. Gould), Big Bend, and Bird Woman. Avoid prolonged work under these cracks especially during the warmest part of the day. Travel efficiently through the zones with glide cracks present.

The avalanche danger will begin LOW but will rise to MODERATE by late morning/early afternoon.

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## Avalanche Concern



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## Informational Links

- [GTSR Avalanche Forecast, pictures, graphs and information](#)
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